



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: SEAN R. WAKAYAMA  
Serial No: 08/917,480  
Filed: August 26, 1997  
Title: **RECONFIGURATION CONTROL  
SYSTEM FOR AN AIRCRAFT WING**

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Group Art Unit: 3641  
Examiner: T. Dinh

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AMENDMENT A

Hon. Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 3, 1998, please amend the  
above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please AMEND the existing claims as follows:

1.(Amended) An aircraft, including:

a wing having a trailing edge and deflectable control surfaces located  
along the trailing edge, the wing being capable during flight of generating a normal lifting  
force having a spanwise force distribution across the wing; and

a control surface reconfiguration system [which reconfigures] wherein the  
control surfaces are selectively reconfigurable to a plurality of predetermined positions as  
required to optimize the spanwise force distribution across the wing for each of a plurality  
of different flight conditions. <sup>reconfiguring to a plurality of predetermined positions</sup> <sub>wherein</sub>